

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Nov. 17

For Frederick County

M.^r Thomas Jenings

M.^r William Luckett

A sufficient number of Members being convened at the Stadt House:

Ordered, That M.^r Goldsborough and M.^r Gantt, do acquaint His Excellency the Governor therewith. They return and acquaint M.^r Speaker they delivered the Message.

Benedict Calvert and Daniel Dulany Esquires from the Upper House, acquaint M.^r Speaker his Excellency the Governor requires the attendance of the Members of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

M.^r Speaker left the Chair and, attended by the Members of the Lower House, went to the Upper House, where his Excellency made the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

From my Desire of Accomodating the Public Business to your Private Affairs, I have delayed calling you together, nor should I, did not the Exigencies of Government make it necessary, now meet
p. 2 you merely to notify the Lord Proprietary's appointment of me to succeed Colonel Sharpe as Governor of this Province, to merit which Honor, and the Trust thus reposed in me, I shall ever consider it to be my indispensible Duty to Promote, on all Occasions, the Prosperity of Maryland

Gentlemen of the Lower House

Convinced, as I am, that the real Interests of the Lord Proprietary, and the People of this Province are inseperable, I meet this Assembly with the most agreeable Prospect. From your Attachments to the Welfare of your Country; from your Knowledge of its Circumstances; and from your Moderation and Prudence, I derive the most persuasive and pleasing Expectation, that this Session will be distinguished by the Benefits which a dispassionate and amicable Inter-course cannot fail to produce, by the Propriety of your Proceedings, and by the Utility of those Laws which shall be enacted.

His Lordship has been pleased to assure you in the Message I am now to have the Honor of delivering to you, that if you will prepare the Plan for the further Improvement of the Province, his Encouragement shall not be wanting. Though I warmly wish that a well founded Provision for a more liberal Institution of Youth may be established here, yet, I do not undertake at this Time to recommend particular Objects to your Attention. The Observations I have made during the short Interval since my Arrival not affording me sufficient Grounds; and, if that Interval had been much longer, your